

ARMY FLIER WAS KILLED IN RELAY RACE AT HARTFORD

Lieut. John Blaney's Airplane Struck a Tree When About to Land—Accident Was Due to Miscalculation on the Part of the Aviator—Hydroplane Nose Dived Into New York Bay While Engaged in Stunt Flying—Two Men Aboard Rescued.

Hartford, Conn., Nov. 12.—Lieut. John Blaney, army flyer, from Mitchell field, L. I., was instantly killed this afternoon at Brainard municipal field here while taking part in an airplane relay race between the two fields. His plane struck a tree and crashed where, to land.

Lieut. John R. Blaney, killed today in an airplane accident at Hartford, Conn.,

**HYDROAIRPLANE PLUNGED
INTO NEW YORK BA**

Lieutenant Blaney was completing the third lap of the race and flew close to the ground on approaching the finish mark where a fourth flier was waiting to conclude the last lap.

There is an uneven group of trees some hundred yards south of the field. The army pilot, flying about 140 miles an hour, miscalculated his distance, struck a tree, and crashed to the ground. His gasoline tank broke into flames and plunged into the water. The occupants, Arthur Randall, 26, pilot, and Theodore Bridgeman, owner of the plane, were rescued by the crew of the U. S. revenue cutter Manhattan and later removed to a hospital, where they were found to

Immediately the plane was a blazing mass. Death had come instantly to the aviator.

Officers from Mitchell field held an immediate investigation and decided that the accident was due to no fault of the plane or conditions, but entirely to a miscalculation on the part of the aviator.

Corning, N. Y., Nov. 12.—Four men were killed and three injured at 7 o'clock last night as the result of a

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 12.—Lieutenant Commander Godfrey D. Cheever, rated as the age of Army aviator, died as a result of an explosion of a locomotive boiler at Morland, thirteen miles from here.

The locomotive on which the explosion occurred was the regular engine on the southbound New York Central freight train, to which another locomotive had been attached to help the train up grade. The helper was in front of the regular engine.

The boiler of the locomotive was thrown 400 feet ahead of the train. The locomotive and the head engine crashed into it.

Supt. E. C. McCormack of the New York Central was unable to give any cause for the explosion other than the fact that the locomotive had dropped. The locomotive is said to have been inspected before going into service.

ABOLITION OF PRIORITY RULE IN THE SENATE SUGGESTED

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eral republican leaders and others, state that the seniority rule "served very well in the old days" and had resulted generally in appointment of good chairmen. Senator McCormick wrote Senator Lodge that some "were misled by the announcement of the receipt of the affidavit which was obtained by Timotheo Pfeiffer, Mrs. Hall's attorney, has been made.

The affidavit is signed by Mrs. Nell Le Rousseil, whose home is a short distance from the residence of Mrs. Hall.

for their posts, by reason of extreme old age, or of failing health, or because of grave differences of opinion with the majority of their republican associates."

The seniority system also prevails in the house.

Notice already has come from senators of the "insincere" republican crowd that

They intend to demand what they consider adequate committee representation. Their fight is expected to center about two or three important chairmanships.

Chairman of at least three important senate committees, finance, naval and post office, are to be chosen in the next congress. Senator Smooth, Utah, "the next

Mrs. Hall telling her that Mrs. Gibson was not on the farm when she arrived," said she was. Mrs. Hall, he said, received the following letter on November 10:

"Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall.
"Madam: In regard to September 1906, John Gibson was not at the Phillips farm, as you say, because he was away on his trip before we left. He had just

ship and Senator Lodge, South Dakota, for post office. Senator Sterling is second man now on the naval, but he desires to continue at the head of foreign relations. He is a native of Maine, under the seniority rule, would be in line for the naval chairmanship.

Two important finance committees, besides the chairmanship, there will be

one democratic and three republican vacancies in the new congress. It is predicted by some that Senators Wadsworth and Edge, will succeed in the republican vacancies.

Another important committee in which there will be an unusual number of changes is interstate commerce which

will have to deal with efforts to abolish the railway labour board and to amend the transportation act and the Adamson eight-hour law. Six members must be replaced.

On the foreign relations committee, three republican members McDumber, New and Kellogg, and three democrats,

Pomarene, Hitchcock and Williams re-
hire. The foreign relations post is
regarded as particularly desirable and
vacancies always are the subject of sharp
competition.

ATHENS WITHOUT NEWS
* **FROM CONSTANTINOPLE**

Athens, Nov. 12.—(By the A. P.)—Athens had been without news from Constantinople for five days until the arrival today of the steamer, Regli-Caroli, which left the Turkish capital Thursday.

**EIGHT OPPONENTS OF THE
KEMALIST REGIME HANG**

Angora, Nov. 12.—(By the A. P.)—Eight of the leading Turkish opponents of the Kemal regime have been hanged today in the city of Angora, which is named in Mrs. Gibson's statement.

The passengers reported the situation in Constantinople as serious.

The passengers told the Kemalists had been indulging in a continuous "celebration" since last Sunday. There were many attacks on foreigners, during which five deaths were reported.

passengers, had been placed at strategic points along the Bosphorus, for the protection of American citizens. The coming of the American cruiser Pittsburgh had done much to reassure Americans fleeing the country, fearing a fate.

**ARMY AVIATION POST
THREATENED BY**

GROUP OF AMERICAN FLAGS
PRESENTED ROSA FONSELLE

Boston, Nov. 12.—Roma Ponselle, Metropolitan Opera singer, was presented with a group of American flags from the LeCroz-Murdoch post of Veterans of Foreign Wars of Meriden, Conn., her

home, when she appeared on the stage of that could be spared from that city's
Symphony hall tonight. ordered to the fire.